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Title: Need to extend the enhanced productivity linked bonus to all the employees of the Central Government.

SHRI C. KUPPUSAMI (MADRAS NORTH): While welcoming the recent amendment made in the Payment of Bonus Act by way of Ordinance, to increase the eligibility limit of workers for bonus from Rs.3500 to 10000, and to increase the bonus ceiling from Rs.2500 to Rs.3500, a hike of Rs.1000, to a maximum of Rs.2400, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government that Central Government employees like Railway employees, Postal employees and other Central Government employees have not benefited by this Amendment.

The productivity linked bonus for Central Government employees is continued to be fixed at the maximum of Rs.2500 and no increase has been given despite demands from various unions. Like other workers, Central Government workers are also working in the competitive environment and are contributing a lot to the economy and progress of the country. I would, therefore urge upon the Hon'blc Prime Minister and the concerned Ministers to take steps to increase the productivity linked bonus to all the workers in the Central Government immediately since it is almost one month when the amendment in the Payment of Bonus Act has been made.